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Application Number	09/600,732
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Art Unit	1637
Examiner Name	S. CHUNDURU
Attorney Docket Number	TIENSE RAFF.26

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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AMENDMENT C WITH RCE

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Final Action mailed September 20, 2002. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The degree of polymerisation (DP) of native chicory inulin ranges from 3 to about 70.

The punctual (\overline{DP}) of native inulin from chicory roots, which have been grown and processed under known, conventional conditions, ranges from about 10 to 14 (L. De Leenheer, o.c., p. 71),

whereas the mean (\overline{DP}) of known standard grade chicory inulin, i.e. inulin obtained from chicory roots which have been grown and processed under known, conventional conditions, ranges from about 9 to 11, and is typically about 10.--